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1. FOLLOWING NOTICE TO MARINERS WAS BROADCAST JULY 29 AS
HYDROPAC 1447/76 (GEN) NORTH KOREA:

"A. RECENT REPORTS INDICATE NORTH KOREA CLAIMS 50-
MILE SECURITY ZONE ALONG ITS COAST AND MAY CHALLENGE
VESSELS FOUND WITHIN THE CLAIMED ZONE.

B. MARINERS ARE ADVISED TO NAVIGATE WITH CAUTION IN
WATERS ADJACENT TO CLAIMED NORTH KOREAN ZONE.

C. THIS WARNING SHOULD IN NO WAY BE CONSTRUED AS
DEROGATION OF THE FREEDOM OF THE HIGH SEAS OR AS
UNITED STATES RECOGNITION OF THE NORTH KOREAN
CLAIM."

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2. ABOVE NOTICE TO MARINERS STEMS FROM REPORT IN
JAPANESE PUBLICATION "SUISAN SHUHO" ON JUNE 25-JULY 4
VISIT TO NORTH KOREA BY JAPAN SOCIALIST PARTY DELEGATION.
ACCORDING TO SUISAN SHUHO REPORT, JSP DELEGATION AS TOLD
THAT IN ADDITION TO 12 MILE TERRITORIAL WATERS, NORTH
KOREA CLAIMS A 50-MILE "SECURITY ZONE". NORTH KOREAN
OFFICIALS REPORTEDLY TOLD JSP VISITORS THAT IF JAPANESE
FISHING BOATS WITHIN CLAIMED ZONE WERE APPROACHED BY
NORTH KOREAN PATROL BOATS, THEY SHOULD RESPOND IMMEDIATELY;
ONCE FISHING BOATS IDENTIFIED THEMSELVES, THEY WOULD BE
GUARANTEED SECURITY WITHIN "SECURITY ZONE". THERE WAS
NO MENTION OF HOW VESSELS OTHER THAN FISHING BOATS WOULD
BE TREATED.

3. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION ACTION
ADDRESSEES CAN PROVIDE ON REPORTED NORTH KOREAN SECURITY
ZONE CLAIM. DEPARTMENT PARTICULARLY INTERESTED TO KNOW
WHETHER NORTH KOREANS HAVE MADE FORMAL PUBLIC CLAIM AND
WOULD APPRECIATE ADDRESSEE POSTS' VIEWS ON LIKELIHOOD
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THAT NORTH KOREAN CLAIM WILL CAUSE PROBLEMS FOR MERCHANT
SHIPPING IN REGION. INFO ADDRESSEES PLEASE RESPOND IF
YOU CAN SHED ANY LIGHT ON SUBJECT. KISSINGER

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